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## COURT HOUSE BUSINESS RUNS SMOOTHLY

NEW OFFICIALS, FOR THE MOST PART, HAVE HAD PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE, AND ROUTINE IS HARDLY DISTURBED.

Every department of the county government is working smoothly this morning, notwithstanding the several changes of officials yesterday, and one would scarcely realize that there had been a change at all this morning, from the way the work of the various departments is being conducted.

The new incumbents for the most part have had previous experience in county affairs, and a moment to familiarize themselves with the work was all that was necessary. The board of county commissioners are going to advocate some radical reforms the coming year and the practice of economy compatible with good public service, is going to be rigidly adhered to. There are several things that they are going to do for the people, if the financial conditions permit, and every member is optimistic on that point.

The question of roads will probably come in for the most consideration, and they all assert that the question is one that is paramount to the people of the county at large and greatly so to the business interests of the city of Ardmore. This, they say, can only be accomplished by taxation upon the property rendered for taxation, and they are in hopes that every citizen will have this in mind when they render their property, and give it at its actual cash value, according to law. Carter county, according to the commissioners, needs a lot of road work done at the present time. The work was curtailed last year on account of the lack of funds, but they hope to overcome this difficulty in the future and give the county a good system of roads. Many other improvements for the welfare of the citizens at large have been discussed that will be disclosed as they mature, and with the prospects for good crops fine, the commissioners are looking for an era of prosperity in Carter county. The board of commissioners will conclude their labors today, and adjourn.

#### COURT HOUSE NOTES.

Judge Champion Happy.

"This is the happiest day of my life," remarked Tom Champion yesterday after the oath of office as county judge of Carter county had been administered, "not from the fact that I have been elected to the judgeship of the greatest county in Oklahoma."

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## GABE PARKER TAKES CHARGE IN MUSKOGEE

ASSUMES DUTIES OF SUPERINTENDENT OF FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES, AND OUTLINES DEPARTMENT POLICIES.

Muskogee, Okla., Jan. 4.—"My policy will be to do each day's work the best I can in the interest of the five civilized tribes and the people of Oklahoma." This was the statement given out Monday by Gabe E. Parker, superintendent of the five civilized tribes when he assumed charge of the offices here.

A great flood of business was awaiting the coming of the new superintendent. All day the agency officials called to pay their respects to Mr. Parker; piles of official letters, personal letters and congratulatory letters awaited his attention.

According to the act of August 1, 1914, the superintendent for the five civilized tribes will exercise the authority and perform the duties of the former commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes and the superintendent of the union agency of Muskogee. He is allowed \$175,000 for the expenses of the administration and the compensation of employees.

The act gives him authority to reorganize the department and to eliminate all unnecessary clerks, subject to the approval of the secretary of the interior.

The fact that all of the clerks now in the employ of the agency are under civil service and the fact that any new clerks have to be employed with the approval of the secretary of the interior, make it almost certain that there will be few "jobs" for office hunters.

"I attribute my appointment to the splendid work which Commissioner Sells has done to help the Indians," said Mr. Parker. "I think it is his method of expression of confidence in the Indian people generally. I will make every effort to encourage our Indian people in the right direction."

There were a great many applicants for positions Monday, most of them being made by mail. The few who called at the office were told to make their request by mail and prepare to take the civil service examination. If any pass the examinations, they will be compelled to wait until there are vacancies before getting a position with the agency.

Mr. Parker was born at Fort Towson, Okla., September 19, 1878. His father was John Clay Parker, and his mother Eliza E. Willis, a one-quarter Choctaw Indian. His parents were from Boyle county, Ky.

He was educated in the Choctaw tribal schools. He graduated from Spencer academy, in Choctaw county, and came to Muskogee where he attended Kendall college. He graduated from Kendall in June, 1899, and the next fall returned to Spencer academy, where he became a teacher. After three months he was promoted to be principal.

The next year he went to the Armstrong academy in Bryan county as principal. In 1904 he became superintendent of that school and remained in that position until October 1, 1913, when he received the appointment of register to the United States treasury.

He was a member of the state constitutional convention and for one year was president of the Indian Territory Teachers' association.

In the constitutional convention he was chairman of the committee on the great seal and together with A. Grant Evans, then president of Kendall college he designed the seal which was accepted as the great seal of the state. He was also a member of the committee on education and taxation, and other committees.

There is one position at the agency which Mr. Parker has the power of filling, that of confidential clerk. He said yesterday that he had not decided on who this one should be. R. S. Gate held that position under Mr. Kelsey's administration. It was reported at the Indian offices Sunday that J. George Wright, who spent the holidays in Chicago, left Sunday for Washington to confer with Commissioner Sells and Secretary Lane.

Mr. Kelsey took possession of a desk in Mr. Parker's office Sunday where he will remain for a few days until he has acquainted his successor with the duties of the office. Mr. Kelsey declined to make any further statement with reference to the duties of his office as "special supervisor," or the salary attached with the position. Mr. Parker's family is in Washington. They will move here as soon as he finds a suitable location.

## MOUNTED POLICE BEING CONSIDERED

SUGGESTION OF BILL TIGHLMAN — NEW YORK'S GOVERNOR IS URGING SIMILAR PROJECT FOR HIS STATE.

Oklahoma City, Jan. 4.—Suggestion by William M. Tighlman of this city that Oklahoma ought to have a mounted police force similar to the Texas Rangers, is being considered by a number of the legislators. In this connection it is noted that the new governor, Whitman, of New York, in his first message to the legislature of that state, will urge a law providing for a state mounted police.

The Merchants' association of New York is favoring this law. New York is pointing to the good results that have been obtained from the organization of soldier-police in Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania has 228 young men, divided into four troops. They have forty-seven substations in thirty different counties. They effectively guard and preserve order in a territory having an area of 4,500 square miles.

State militia is not trained for police duty and is unable to do a great many other things which the Pennsylvania mounted constabulary has been able to accomplish to the benefit of the state. The Pennsylvania Rangers are good detectives. They are life savers in times of flood, mine explosions and large fires. The record made in five years by the Pennsylvania force is comparable to the work that is done by the Northwest Mounted Police of Canada.

During the past administrations in Oklahoma there have been occasions several times for police duty in excess of what could be performed by the local constabulary. The governor has sent out militia at great expense and with considerable friction. It is argued that a mounted police force such as that of Pennsylvania and such as New York is considering would accomplish a great deal more in a much better manner than the military of the state. In this connection the experience of Texas along the Rio Grande river seems to point to the necessity for a large force of Rangers or mounted police in that state.

## FRENCH NEAR- ING THE RHINE

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tion from the Black Sea is to the effect that great agitation prevails in Constantinople, owing to fears that the Anglo-French fleet will shortly enter the Sea of Marmora.

The German authorities have divided the region around the Turkish capital into military districts, and these are severely administered. They have also summoned the leaders of the Young Turks and put them on oath to continue to support the present regime.

The governor of Odessa has issued an order suppressing the newspaper Odessa Novosti, which was charged with circulating false reports of the operations of the British army.

Turkish troops, whose defeat by Russian forces was announced Dec. 12, when they attempted to invade Russia from Persian territory, are now reported to be ravaging the region south of Lake Urumia. In northwestern Persia. Hastily assembled levies of Persian troops sent against the Turks, were defeated.

A protest was made some time ago to Turkey by the Persian government. It is said no reply has been received. Austrian aeroplanes are daily bombarding Kielec, in Russian Poland, sixty-four miles northeast of Cracow. Ten bombs were dropped on the railroad stations and fort sheds Jan. 2. Little damage was done.

#### Have New Kind of Bread

Berlin, Jan. 5.—Emperor William and his personal staff are now eating a new style of bread, containing eighty-five per cent rice and fifteen per cent flake potatoes. This bread is intended to conserve the Germans' food supply.

#### War Sentiment Revived.

Rome, Italy, Jan. 5.—The war sentiment in Italy has been revived by the death in the French ranks of Garibaldi's grandson.

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## ORGANIZATION OF DEMOCRATS

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sitions not mentioned in the code. The result of this is that the house will be compelled to work with about one-half the number of employees that were used in the house of the Fourth legislature.

No Chaplain Provided For.  
No provision is made in the Harris-Day code for the employment by the house of a chaplain, and none will be employed. Some member of the body will act in that capacity. A movement has been launched to make Representative Johnson Crawford of Mayes county, ex-officio chaplain. He is past 70 years of age and has been a Baptist preacher for a number of years.

Several prominent members of the house Monday expressed doubt as to whether the house could work with the assistance provided for in the code. It is probable that a committee will be named to make an investigation and determine the need for additional employees with the view of making recommendations to the governor-elect accordingly.

There are thirty standing committees of the house, and under the rules followed in former legislatures, each committee was entitled to a committee clerk. This year the total number of committee clerks will not exceed fifteen. Two years ago the house of the Fourth legislature had fourteen pages. This year it will have six. Telephone man, whose duty it was to answer telephone calls, property man, calendar clerk, auditor and postmistress are among the positions which will be eliminated entirely.

#### Harrison Calls to Order.

The caucus was called to order in the house chambers at 10 o'clock Monday morning by Representative Luther Harrison of Wewoka. All but ten of the democratic members were present. Prayer was offered by Rev. Wilmore Kendall of Hartshorne. He is blind and was practically agreed upon for the post of chaplain, if one had been selected.

Following the prayer, Mr. Harrison called for nominations for permanent caucus chairman. The name of Representative Hunter was presented by Representative E. E. Glasco of Purcell, McClain county. No other nominations were made, and Mr. Hunter was elected to that post in his party ranks by acclamation.

In a brief speech of acceptance, Mr. Hunter told his colleagues that harmony should be the paramount issue in all caucuses of the house majority members, to the end that the next democratic state administration would be the greatest in the history of the state.

Representative Childers of Garfield county, who was a candidate for speaker, was then elected caucus chairman without opposition.

#### McCrory Nominated.

Representative McCrory was nominated as the caucus choice for speaker by Representative Paul Nesbitt of McAlester, Pittsburg county. The nomination was seconded by about twenty members of the caucus, including Representative Childers of Garfield county; Representative Harrison of Hughes county and Representative Wash Hudson of Tulsa county, who were at one time candidates for the speakership honors.

"I am deeply grateful for this honor and if this caucus' selection is confirmed by the house in regular session you will have elected a speaker with clean hands, consecrated to the services of the great state of Oklahoma," said Mr. McCrory, in accepting the speakership nomination.

Representative Ben F. Harrison made the nominating speech, nominating Representative Durant for speaker pro tempore.

The greatest interest in the caucus centered in the selection of a sergeant-at-arms and two assistants. Five names were presented for consideration for sergeant-at-arms, and it required three roll calls to make a selection, a majority being necessary.

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The candidates were: H. L. Saddler of Norman, former Representative W. O. Carr of Muskogee, John T. Gerkins of Caddo, John Chenoweth of Altus and O. W. Taylor of Roff. Saddler was elected on the third ballot. He received 42 votes, 39 being a majority.

To Ratify Selections.  
The caucus selections will be presented to the house when it convenes in regular session Tuesday and will be ratified. A republican candidate for speaker will be presented, and according to custom will receive the solid support of his colleagues. After the announcement of the vote, some majority member, if custom be followed, will move the unanimous election of the democratic candidate.

Both houses will be called to order at noon Tuesday. The senate will come to order on the call of Lieutenant Governor M. E. Trapp, and the house will be called to order by Caucus Chairman Tom W. Hunter.

Committees will then be named by each branch to notify the other that they are in session and ready for business. A committee also will be appointed to notify the governor that the legislature has been convened and is ready to receive any message he may have for them.

#### Result of Senate Caucus.

Democratic caucus Monday named officers:

Senator E. L. Mitchell of Roger Mills county to be president pro tem J. S. Morris decided upon as secretary of the senate.

Senator M. S. Blassingame permanent chairman of the caucus.

Senator Harry B. Cordell, permanent secretary.

Senate will meet at noon Tuesday.

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#### Notice.

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J. D. RYNUM.

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#### SEATS FOR "CABIRIA" ARE GOING FAST

The reserved seats for "Cabiria," have been going like hot cakes, and at 9 o'clock this morning the house was two-thirds sold. Those wishing to see this mammoth production had better reserve their seats today. Seats are on sale at the Vencedora and at the box office of the Royal Theatre. Nothing to compare with this picture has ever been shown in Ardmore, and photoplay patrons are proving by their quick response that they want the best in "silent drama."

To make this remarkable production, required 7,000 actors, 20 elephants, hundreds of horses, and 14 months' work at an expense of \$250,000.—New York World.